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Selkirk resident Rosanna Sternat shows off the Selkirk Biz Customer Service Award she won at the second annual Business Awards evening held Oct. 10, while St. Andrews resident Guy Shelemy shows off the New Business of the Year Award he won.

The winners are ...

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Guy Shelemy and Rosanna Sternat have two things in common – they were both classmates in Grade 4 at St. Andrews School back in 1974 and are now Selkirk Biz award winners.

“Thankfully the business really grew this year,” said Shelemy. “I really enjoy being a part of the community.”

St. Andrews resident Shelem and Selkirk resident Sternat were presented with awards at the second annual Business Awards evening held Oct. 10 at the Selkirk Golf and Country Club. Shelemy, who runs Shelemy Arborist Services and Residential Wood Heating, started his business in 2009. He received the New Business of the Year Award, and said that really makes up for a challenging year he’s been through as a result of a personal family issue.

Sternat, 46, who started her business Rosanna Sternat CGA in 2005, received the Customer Service Award. She started her post secondary education at the University of Manitoba later in life as she devoted her time and energy to being a wife and mother to two daughters.

Committee members for this year’s event included Jean Oliver, Kelly Lewis, and Selkirk Biz executive director Sheri Skalesky.

Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake James Bezan brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Canada. According to Bezan, 92 per cent of all businesses in Canada are small businesses.

City of Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson, RM of St. Andrews Mayor Don Forfar, and RM of St. Clements Mayor Steve Strang also brought greetings.

Three additional awards were presented during the event, that had a crowd of 106 in attendance.

The Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award was presented to Mary-Jane Benjamin Feeke of Benjamin’s Gourmet Foods.

The Community Spirit Award was presented to the Selkirk Record.

The final award of the evening was the Business of the Year, which was awarded to Stan Halbesma of Harry’s Foods located in St. Andrews.

“I think it was a wonderful event and we expanded by adding our new award,” said Selkirk Biz president Connie Rapko.